THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.25717 of 2005

Dated 02-12-2005

Between:

Indian Airports Kamgar Union,

Rep. by its Joint General Secretary,

Hyderabad Airport,

Begumpet,

Hyderabad.

.. **PETITIONER**

AND

The Chairman, Airports Authority of India, New Delhi and others.

.. **RESPONDENTS**

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ORDER:

The petitioner is a Trade Union of Workers, employed in the Indian Airports. It made a representation for issuance of “Orange Passes”, as are extended to members of the majority union. Its grievance is that the respondents are not taking the same into account and that no action has been taken thereon. This writ petition is filed seeking declaration that the inaction of the respondents in considering the representation of the petitioner is illegal and arbitrary and consequential directions sought for.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Reliance is placed upon a letter dated 11-02-1999, in relation to issuance of orange passes, to the key office bearers of Trade Union, to enable them to visit all the Airports, in connection with their bonafide Association activities. It is stated that in pursuance of the said letter orange passes are being issued to the key office bearers of the recognized Trade Union, through letter dated 22-02-1999. The petitioner contends that till the year 1994 it was the recognized Union and though it ceased to be so thereafter, it is also entitled to undertake its activities at various places, and is entitled for the same benefit.

Granting of orange passes, to enable the holders thereof to travel freely to various places, is itself an extraordinary measure. Extension of such a facility, cannot be claimed as of right, particularly, by Union which is not recognized. If the request of

the petitioner is to be acceded to, a situation may emerge where a group of seven employees may constitute themselves, into a Trade Union and demand orange passes for their key office bearers.

Having regard to the cost structure involved as well as the corresponding inconvenience to the genuine passengers, such a facility would not at all be in the interest of the respondents' organization. This court is not inclined to grant any relief to the petitioner.

The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. No order as to costs.

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